"County Commissioners," to be known as Sections 87 A, 87 B, 87 C, 87 D, 87 E, 87 F, 87 G, 87 H, 87 I, 87 J, 87 K, 87 L, 87 M, 87 N, 87 O, 87 P, 87 Q, 87 R, 87 S and 87 Z, and re-enact the same so as to read as follows.

Which was read a first time and referred to Senators New-comer, Bannon and Wilson.

Mr. Lee submitted the following message:

BY THE SENATE,

January 16, 1878.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

We have received your message inviting this House to convene with your Honorable Body, in Joint Assembly, at 12 o'clock, meridian, this day, January 16th, 1878, in accordance with the Act of Congress, approved July 25th, 1866, entitled an Act to regulate the times and manner of holding elections for Senators in Congress, and respectfully concurtherein.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,

Secretary.

Which was read, assented to and sent to the House of Delegates.

Mr. Bannon submitted the following message:

BY THE SENATE,

January 16, 1878.

Gentlemen of the House of Delegates:

We have received your message proposing the appointment of a Joint Special Committee of five—three on the part of the House and two on the part of the Senate, to visit the Maryland Penitentiary, and to examine into the present condition, the manner in which it is conducted, and to report to the two Houses, and non-concur therein.

By order,

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,

Secretary.

Which was read, assented to and sent to the House of Delegates.

JOINT ASSEMBLY.

The hour of 12 having arrived, the Senate proceeded to the Hall of the House of Delegates, for the purpose of convening in Joint Assembly with that Body, for the election of United States Senator.